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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshio KUMADA et al.

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Application No.: 10/626,553

Filed: July 25, 2003

Docket No.: 112536.98

For: SLIDING BEARING

RESPONSE TO NOTICE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.251 - PENDING APPLICATION

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Sir:


Applicants received the attached Notice Under 37 C.F.R. §1.251 - Pending Application, dated April 6, 2005. The Notice indicates that an "Amendment and IDS documents including cover letter dated 05/25/04 are missing." Please note that, as explained in the Filing Receipt Status Request filed by Applicants on May 25, 2004, all of the documents submitted with that Filing Receipt Status Request on May 25, 2004, were copies of documents previously filed in the Patent Office on July 25, 2003. In particular, the Preliminary Amendment, IDS documents and cover letter submitted on May 25, 2004 were copies of similar documents that were filed with the Patent Office on July 25, 2003.

Applicants' undersigned attorney checked the image file wrapper for this application, which is available over public PAIR. The image file wrapper contains copies of the July 25, 2003 Preliminary Amendment, IDS documents and cover letter that were filed on July 25, 2003. Because those documents are identical to the copies submitted to the Patent Office on May 25, 2004 with Applicants' Filing Receipt Status Request, Applicants submit that the Patent Office has copies of the "Amendment and IDS documents including cover letter dated 05/25/04." Thus, these documents are not missing from the Patent Office file.

However, upon review of the image file wrapper, the reissue application filed on July 25, 2003, re-submitted on May 25, 2004, and re-submitted again on August 17, 2004 with Applicants' Petition Requesting Withdrawal of Notice of Incomplete Reissue Application, still does not appear to be present in the PTO file. Thus, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the reissue application that was filed on July 25, 2003, and re-submitted on May 25, 2004 and August 17, 2004. In addition, and for the convenience of the Patent Office, Applicants submit the Reissue Declaration and Consent of Assignee, which were filed by Applicant on August 17, 2004 (copies of these two documents are present in the image file wrapper of the Patent Office as part of Applicants' August 17, 2004 Petition).

Applicants' undersigned attorney submits that, once the reissue application is included in the image file wrapper, and the Reissue Declaration and Consent of Assignee are separately identified in the image file wrapper (rather than being grouped in Applicants' August 17, 2004 Petition), the Patent Office image file wrapper will contain a complete record of all documents that have been submitted by Applicant to the Patent Office for this application.

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